

Registering for MATH Courses

Every undergraduate MATH course has a prerequisite that must be satisfied before being allowed to register for the course. Prerequisites are stated in terms of

- i) a suitable score on an appropriate version of the Mathematics Placement Test (MPT),
- ii) earning a C or better in another MATH course, or
- iii) either i) or ii).

Prerequisite overrides are given when a student can document that the prerequisite will be satisfied before the class starts. For example, waiting for transfer credits or AP exam scores to be recorded at UofSC. See the MPT website for more information about overrides, including a prerequisite override request form. Note that while this override will allow you to register for a MATH course, you still have to document that you have met all prerequisites before classes begin.

Accessing the MPT

Access to the MPT is restricted to individuals with a valid UofSC network username and password. To find your username, and to reset the password, go to my.sc.edu, then click "Login and Password Help". For additional technical assistance, the Division of Information Technology's (DoIT) Service Desk (sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/division_of_information_technology/about_us/contact/) is a single point of contact for computer, technology and IT-related questions and support.

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Special Accommodations

Students needing additional time, or other accommodations, to complete the MPT should contact the the Office of Student Disabilities Resources:

Address: 1523 Greene Street
LeConte College, Room 112A
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Phone: 803-777-6142
Fax: 803-777-6741
Email: sadrc@mailbox.sc.edu
Website: www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/student_disability_resource_center/index.php

Technical Support

The Division of Information Technology's (DoIT) information for students can be found at www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/division_of_information_technology/end_user_services/available_technology_resources/information_for_students/index.php

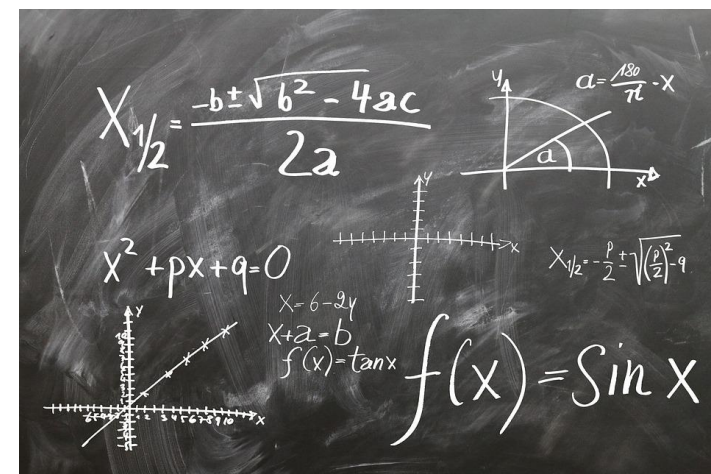


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Do I need to take the Math Placement Test (MPT)?

Look at the required courses for your degree and your prior MATH courses.

- If your degree requires one or more MATH courses AND you do not have a C or better in a prerequisite course, then *you must take the appropriate version of the MPT.*
- If your degree requires one or more MATH courses AND you do have a C or better in a prerequisite course, then *you do not need to take the MPT.*
- If you will not be taking any MATH courses at UofSC, then *you probably do not need to take the MPT.* Consult your advisor for a definite answer.
- If you are not sure if you will be taking a MATH course at UofSC, then *you are strongly encouraged to take the MPT.*
- If you need to take a MATH course and there is any question whether your transfer credits will be posted to your UofSC record before your registration date, then *you are strongly encouraged to take the MPT.*

If you still are uncertain, take the MPT.

How do I receive credit for a UofSC MATH course?

There are currently three ways:

1. **Transfer credit from another institution.**
2. **AP/IB/CLEP scores**
3. **Take the course (and pass it!).**

The Registrar's Office maintains detailed information about having prior work appear on your UofSC academic record. See registrar.sc.edu, then click on "Transfer Credits"

Which version of the MPT do I need to take?

The version of the MPT that you should take is determined by the MATH course(s) that you will taking at UofSC. See the table at the right. If you have a choice of two or more MATH courses, and you are not certain which MATH course you will take, we advise you to take the Algebra version first, then take the PreCalculus version of the MPT.

How and when do I take the MPT?

The MPT is available online at www.math.sc.edu/assess. You are encouraged to take the MPT at least two weeks prior to your Orientation data. You have 90 minutes from the time you start the MPT to complete the MPT. Make sure your computer and Internet connection are reliable. If you do get disconnected, simply reconnect and continue your test.

When and how do I find the results of the MPT?

Your score will be reported immediately after completing the MPT. It can take up to two business days before your score is posted your academic record.

Can I retake the MPT?

You can retake each version of the MPT a maximum of 3 times, but have to wait 7 days between attempts. During this time, take the practice test and study the topics you missed. Your most recent score on each version is used to determine your eligibility for a course.

What MATH courses does my MPT score qualify me to take?

The following table lists the *lowest* MPT score needed to register for the most common MATH courses at UofSC. Note that a C or better in another course can satisfy the prerequisite for some MATH courses. Note that all you have to do is satisfy the requirement in one of the three columns in the following table.

MATH Course	MPT Algebra	MPT PreCalc	C or better
111I	4 - 7	-	-
111	8	7	-
115	-	7	111
122	14	19	111
141	-	19	115
170	14	19	111
174	-	19	115, 122, or 141
221	14	19	111

Note: MATH 116 is for students who withdraw from MATH 141. MATH 112 is not offered regularly at UofSC-Columbia.

What if I want to take a MATH course that is not in this table?

The prerequisites for all other MATH courses do not involve the MPT. See the Undergraduate Bulletin (bulletin.sc.edu) for complete prerequisite information for all MATH courses.